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SIX PART GRAPHICCopy 16**SOVIET MILITARY OPERATIONS**
AFGHANISTAN

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: MAJOR SOVIET COMBAT OPERATIONS ARE EVIDENT NEAR THE PANJSER VALLEY IN THE CHARIKAR-JABAL OS SARAJ AREA. COMBAT OPERATIONS HAVE BEGUN IN THE PANJSER VALLEY, BUT SOME OF THE ACTIVITY MAY BE RELATED TO THE SOVIET COMBAT OPERATION WHICH HAS BEEN IN PROGRESS NEAR CHARIKAR-JABAL OS SARAJ SINCE [REDACTED] (GRAPHIC 1).

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2. (SWN) REMARKS: A LARGE COMBAT FORCE IS IN CONVOY (GRAPHIC 2) NEAR ANAWA GARRISON SITE [REDACTED] IN THE PANJSER VALLEY. THE CONVOY CONTAINS MAJOR ELEMENTS OF ONE AIRBORNE BATTALION (BN), ELEMENTS OF ONE BTR-60PB ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER (APC)-EQUIPPED MOTORIZED RIFLE (MR) BN, ONE 152MM SELF-PROPELLED (SP) GUN BATTERY, ELEMENTS OF ONE 122MM HOWITZER M-30 BN WITH MTLB TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, AND AN ASSAULT ENGINEER ELEMENT. THE CONVOY IS HEADED NORTHEAST IN THE VALLEY. EVIDENCE OF RECENT FIGHTING IN THE AREA INCLUDES SEVERAL ARTILLERY AND BOMB CRATERS IN SMALL VILLAGES IN THE HILLS IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE CONVOY. EVIDENCE OF RENEWED MILITARY OPERATIONS IN THE PANJSER VALLEY WAS FIRST OBSERVED HERE ON [REDACTED] WHEN A SMALL TRUCK CONVOY LED BY A TANK MINE CLEARER WAS HEADING INTO THE VALLEY. [REDACTED] A CONVOY OF APPROXIMATELY 27 VEHICLES WAS NORTHEAST OF ANAWA HEADING FURTHER INTO THE VALLEY.

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(SWN) ANAWA IS IN THE PANJSER VALLEY APPROXIMATELY 17 NM NORTH-NORTHEAST OF BAGRAM IN NORTHEAST AFGHANISTAN.

(SWN) EVIDENCE OF RECENT SHELLING IS OBSERVED IN THE VICINITY OF BAZARAK GARRISON SITE [REDACTED] AT LEAST 30 NEW ARTILLERY CRATERS (GRAPHIC 3, NOT ALL SHOWN) ARE ON THE MOUNTAIN SLOPES 1 NM WEST-NORTHWEST OF BAZARAK. NO DAMAGE TO ANY PERMANENT STRUCTURES NEAR THE CRATERING IS DISCERNIBLE. SOVIET AND AFGHANISTAN FORCES REMAIN IN THE GARRISON AREA.

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(SWN) BAZARAK GARRISON SITE IN THE PANJSER VALLEY IS 25 NM NORTHEAST OF BAGRAM AND 8 NM NORTHEAST OF ANAWA AND HOUSES A SOVIET SECURITY FORCE AND ELEMENTS OF AN AFGHAN ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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(SWN) A TEMPORARY SUPPLY/LOGISTICS POINT (GRAPHIC 4) FOR THE CURRENT COMBAT OPERATIONS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT JABAL OS SARAJ ARMY CAMP SOVIET [REDACTED] AT LEAST 320 TRUCKS, 19 WITH TRAILERS, ARE PRESENT; AND FOUR LARGE TENTS AND 17 SMALL TENTS HAVE BEEN ERECTED. ELEMENTS OF A TANK COMPANY, TWO BMP APC-EQUIPPED MR COMPANIES, AND AN ENGINEER UNIT ARE ALSO PRESENT. MAJOR ELEMENTS OF A BMP APC-EQUIPPED MOTORIZED RIFLE REGIMENT (MRR) ARE DEPLOYED ALONG THE JABAL OS SARAJ-GOLBAHAR ROAD AT 35-07-40N 069-14-30E, APPROXIMATELY 1.5 NM NORTHEAST OF JABAL OS SARAJ ARMY CAMP SOVIET. MOST OF THE BMP APC ARE IN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE ROAD NEXT TO THE ARMY CAMP. THE MOTORIZED RIFLE ELEMENTS EAST OF THE ROAD MAY BE FIRING ON A SMALL VILLAGE APPROXIMATELY 0.5 NM EAST OF THE ROAD. AT LEAST ONE BUILDING IS SURROUNDED BY SMOKE/DUST (NOT ON GRAPHIC). THIS REGIMENT MAY BE THE SAME MRR THAT WAS ABSENT FROM KABUL DEPLOYMENT AREA SOUTHWEST [REDACTED]

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A CONVOY OF AT LEAST 26 POL TRUCKS (NOT ON GRAPHIC) IS HEADED NORTH ON THE ROAD. MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THE BTR-60 APC-EQUIPPED MRR NORMALLY AT THIS ARMY CAMP ARE OUT OF GARRISON AND HAVE DEPARTED [REDACTED] ELEMENTS OF A SECOND ENGINEER UNIT (NOT ON GRAPHIC) ARE APPROXIMATELY 3 NM SOUTHWEST OF THE ARMY CAMP AT 35-04-00N 069-11-30E. TWO TANK-LAUNCHED ASSAULT BRIDGES AND AT LEAST 26 TRUCKS/VEHICLES ARE PRESENT.

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(U) JABAL OS SARAJ IS 36 NM NORTH OF KABUL NEAR THE ENTRANCES TO THE SALANG PASS AND THE PANJSER VALLEY.

(SWN) A LOGISTICS CONVOY OF AT LEAST 68 CARGO AND POL TRUCKS (GRAPHIC 5) IS ON A ROAD NEAR KABUL DEPLOYMENT AREA NW [REDACTED]

HEADED NORTH TOWARD THE PANJSER VALLEY. ONE 152MM SP HOWITZER M-1973 BATTERY HAS DEPARTED THIS FACILITY [REDACTED]

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ACTIVITY IN THE REMAINDER OF THE INSTALLATION IS UNCHANGED [REDACTED] THE RESUPPLY ACTIVITY AND ABSENT SP ARTILLERY ARE PROBABLY SUPPORTING COMBAT OPERATIONS.

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(SWN) KABUL DEPLOYMENT AREA NW IS 5 NM NORTHWEST OF KABUL AND 27 NM SOUTHWEST OF BAGRAM.

(SWN) AIR SUPPORT TO SOVIET GROUND OPERATIONS CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS IS SEEN AT BAGRAM AIRFIELD [REDACTED]. FOUR FROGFOOT A GROUND ATTACK AIRCRAFT AND ADDITIONAL MUNITION STOCKPILES HAVE ARRIVED IN THE FROGFOOT AREA [REDACTED] A TOTAL OF EIGHT FROGFOOT A (GRAPHIC 6) ARE NOW PRESENT. FOUR CUB TRANSPORT (NOT ON GRAPHIC) HAVE ALSO ARRIVED SINCE 9 DECEMBER, AND FOUR HOOK HEAVY TRANSPORT HELICOPTERS HAVE DEPARTED. PROBABLE FROGFOOT PREFLIGHT OPERATIONS ARE IN PROGRESS. A FUEL TRUCK AND THREE SERVICE TRUCKS ARE BESIDE THE FROGFOOT ON THE SOUTHEAST END-CONNECTING LINK. UNDERWING STORES/MUNITIONS ARE UPLOADED ON AT LEAST FOUR OF THE FROGFOOT A. EIGHT FROGFOOT A WERE LAST HERE [REDACTED] IN ADDITION, TWO FISHBED (NOT ON GRAPHIC) ARE TAXIING TOWARD THEIR PARKING AREA FROM THE RUNWAY.

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(SWN) BAGRAM AIRFIELD IS A MAJOR FIGHTER BASE AND SOVIET AIRBORNE BIVOUAC IN EAST-CENTRAL AFGHANISTAN.

3. BE N/A, COORDINATES N/A

COMMENTS AND QUERIES REGARDING THIS BRIEFING BOARD MAY BE DIRECTED [REDACTED]

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